

# NFU Ups Campaign Against "The Corporate Invasion"

The National Farmers Union is stepping up its campaign to protect farmers from what it calls "the corporate invasion."

The Board of Directors of the organization met in Denver, Colo., recently to review the situation and called for a "firm national policy" to protect farmers from encroachment and domination by non-farm corporate interests.

National Farmers Union President Tony Dechant said reports from state presidents in the organization revealed a continuing decline in family farms. He said that in addition there is mounting evidence of the domination and manipulation of markets by corporations.

A new book, "The Corporate Invasion of American Agriculture" by a member of the National Farmers Union staff, Victor K. Ray, was distributed to members of the Board.

Dechant cited detailed information in the book showing domination of livestock markets by corporate interests that results in low prices to farmers and high prices to consumers. He said the terminal livestock market at Denver has been virtually destroyed and that other terminal markets are feeling similar pressures.

The Board of Directors passed another strongly worded resolution calling for the establishment of a producers' and consumers' council to "function at the highest levels of government" to protect farmers and consumers from the "unrestrained economic forces that work to the disadvantage of both groups."

The resolution described these forces as squeezing the farmer—"a producer who must sell; and the housewife—a consumer who must buy." The resolution said the result was an ever-widening spread between the prices paid to farmers and prices paid by consumers. "Current increases in the prices of food at the retail level," the resolution said, "are proof again that there is no relationship between the price of food and farm prices."

## Plan For Safe Autumn Trips

Fall vacation trips are becoming increasingly popular, according to Harry Porter Jr., manager of the National Safety Council's traffic Department, and he reminds motorists that the same common-sense rules apply, whatever the season. Here are his suggestions for a safe, carefree trip this fall, or any time of the year:

Get enough sleep before starting. Don't drive like a "dope."

Plan your trip for a reasonable number of hours of driving each day; no more than two hours at a stretch per person.

Leave an itinerary with someone you can depend on to reach you in case of an emergency.

Turn off faucets, lights and gas appliances at home. (Connect a timer to turn on lights automatically. It's a good insurance in evening hours). Homeowners should also notify their local police department.

Stop newspaper and milk deliveries and make arrangements for your mail.

Have your car checked by a competent mechanic, paying special attention to brakes, tires and lights.

Replace or refill streaking windshield wiper blades.

If you have diabetes or other medical problems that could require prompt recognition, carry necessary identification.

Study a map so that you can anticipate route changes, intersections and interchanges before you get to them.

Keep pace with traffic. Signal for turns and lane changes well in advance.

Get plenty of sleep and rest before starting out again. Remember, driving can be enjoyable!

Youngsters who are prodded with "eat your spinach" may derive some pleasure from knowing that the State's early fall crop was damaged by dry weather.

Present indications are for a yield of 22,000 hundredweight, a drop of 3,000 cwt. from last year, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. The first forecast for the entire U.S. fall crop is 136,000 cwt., 6 percent below the 1967 crop.

But help is forthcoming. The PCRS report also says that steady supplies are expected from Long Island about mid-October.

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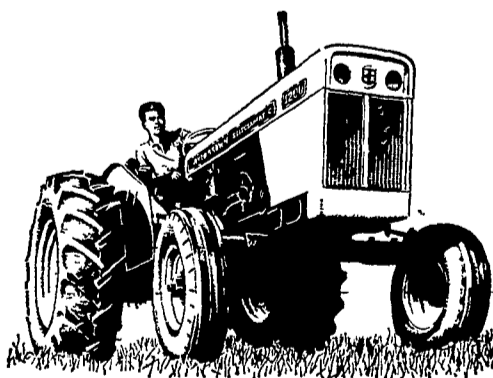
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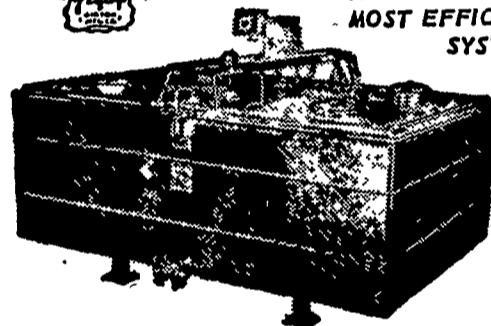
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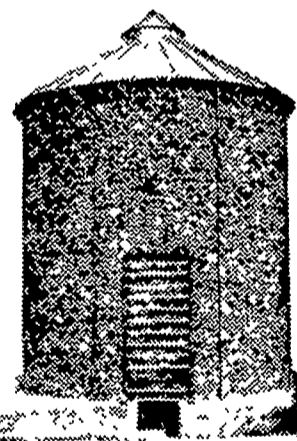
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